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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Nicole Barie et al

Title: DEXTRAN-COATED SURFACE

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

The references were cited in the International Search Report. Although some of them were marked "X", the Examiner of the international application does not consider the invention to be anticipated by the references. (See translation of the international examination report.)

The references do not disclose that in a dextran coated surface disposed on a carrier, the connections between the dextran and the carrier surface are formed by a photolinker, the dextran coating being attached to the carrier surface by co-immobilization of a mixture of dextran and the photolinker.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Bach', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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